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LETTER DATED 20 NOVEMBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge the strongest protest over the six new regulations in various fields of civil administration introduced recently by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia: namely, regulation No. 1999/16 on the Establishment of the Central Fiscal Authority of Kosovo and other related matters; regulation No. 1999/17 on the Approval of the Kosovo Consolidated Budget and Authorizing Expenditures for the period from 1 September to 31 December 1999; regulation No. 1999/19 on the Prohibition of Casino-Type Gambling in Kosovo; regulation No. 1999/20 on the Banking and Payments Authority in Kosovo; regulation No. 1999/21 on Bank Licensing, Supervision and Regulation; and regulation No. 1999/23 on the Establishment of the Housing and Property Directorate and the Housing and Property Claims Commission.

By and large, the said regulations regulate the banking and financial system in Kosovo and Metohija in a way that separates the southern Serbian province increasingly from the relevant system in force in Serbia and Yugoslavia. Considering that the new regulations have been introduced without consultation with the Serbian and Yugoslav authorities, that they rescind unjustifiably the relevant rules and regulations in Serbia and Yugoslavia and that their introduction constitutes a flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and relevant documents, the regulations will be considered null and void.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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